



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Warm Weather Continues

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from normal to ten degrees above normal for the week. Most weather stations reported rainfall. Major agricultural activities for the week include caring for livestock, cutting alfalfa, and harvesting small grains, legumes and potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 5% very short, 32% short, 63% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

The fourth cutting of alfalfa, at eight percent complete, is thirty-three percentage points behind the five-year average. Barley and spring wheat harvest are ninety-five percent complete. Some growers in Franklin County indicated to the U of I extension office that they are getting record yields for barley. Eighty-four percent of the potato crop is in good to excellent condition.

Livestock, Pasture and Range report

The Caribou county extension reports cattle are still out on summer range. The statewide Range and Pasture condition indication declined slightly over the week but is still mostly in good to excellent condition.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	--	--	16	70	14
Range and Pasture	1	14	34	37	14
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	8	42	50

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2011	2010	Avg.
Potato Vines Dying/Killed	68	78	82
Oats Harvested for Grain	82	87	91
Onions Harvested	60	60	57
Dry Peas Harvested	81	93	99
Dry Beans Harvested	41	52	61
Lentils Harvested	73	94	98
Alfalfa 4 th cutting	8	29	41
Corn Harvested for Silage	12	17	33

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted.....	2	9	13	25	29	30	25	17	28	28	34	36	16	20	24
Spring Wheat															
Harvested.....	93	92	98	100	100	100	100	92	98	94	77	91	95	83	94
Barley															
Harvested.....	96	95	99	100	100	100	99	85	96	93	81	89	95	83	92
Potato															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	60	46	57	20	31	26	3	4	5	11	12	14
Alfalfa															
Third Cutting	NA	NA	NA	100	99	97	88	95	93	56	41	51	78	73	77

Avg (2006 – 2010); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, September 18, 2011 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	89	44	65	5	0.09	-0.19	13.23	2.26	3223	1769	-267
Grangeville	90	43	66	10	0.09	-0.33	17.59	2.91	3087	1679	159
Lewiston	98	48	71	8	0.05	-0.12	7.98	1.25	4281	2527	-135
Porthill	87	43	61	7	0.17	-0.18	10.34	0.70	3068	1597	4
Winchester	87	35	60	7	0.20	-0.15	14.88	0.77	2438	1175	127
Southwest											
Boise	88	43	68	6	0.15	-0.06	7.69	2.01	3955	2289	-258
Emmett	93	44	70	8	0.35	0.14	8.32	2.71	3936	2337	-113
Glenns Ferry	90	43	67	6	0.00	-0.14	7.70	3.33	3993	2416	-42
Grandview	92	38	65	3	0.03	-0.11	4.66	0.93	3935	2273	-458
Nampa	89	49	67	6	0.44	0.29	4.96	0.07	3930	2314	-240
Parma	89	46	68	8	0.10	-0.07	5.29	-0.09	4078	2407	0
South Central											
Fairfield	81	30	58	4	0.03	-0.18	4.72	-1.68	2501	1212	-191
Malta	83	34	61	3	0.22	0.01	7.12	0.14	3177	1735	-185
Picabo	81	37	60	6	0.03	-0.18	6.11	0.21	2990	1638	117
Rupert	84	39	62	5	0.19	0.02	5.38	0.38	3280	1817	-154
Twin Falls	85	44	63	6	0.04	-0.17	6.17	1.07	3529	2024	143
East											
Aberdeen	80	41	62	7	0.28	0.10	3.92	-1.35	3156	1734	68
Ashton	77	33	56	3	0.41	0.06	10.05	-0.27	2511	1215	-65
Fort Hall	83	40	62	4	0.15	-0.06	9.02	2.13	3212	1767	-110
Idaho Falls	84	42	62	6	0.20	-0.01	6.11	-0.18	3296	1833	70
Lava Hot Springs	79	38	58	0	0.87	0.66	14.44	7.55	2991	1635	-242
Monteview	79	40	59	4	0.19	0.05	4.07	-1.95	2709	1358	-305
Preston	79	41	61	3	0.40	0.12	12.69	4.39	3384	1935	-34
Rexburg	79	34	57	3	0.38	0.10	8.14	0.42	2718	1336	-31

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.